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 $\underline{\mbox{1}}\mbox{1}.$ On March 5, Mani Bhattarai, Section Officer for UN and International Organizations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), told Emboff that the MFA would oversee a five-agency group to coordinate activities for the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism. The members would include representatives from the Ministry of Science and Technology, the Ministry of Defense, the Ministry of Home Affairs, and the National Academy of Sciences. Bhattarai will remain Post's point of contact for Global Initiative issues until the group stands up.

12. Emboff informed Bhattarai that Bosnia and Serbia have become Global Initiative partner nations and delivered the other points per reftel. POWELL